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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.